

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application.

Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to correct improper multiple-dependencies.

It is noted that the amendment to claim 5 requested in the January 5, 2001 Preliminary Amendment contained a typographical error, as the phrase "or 3" does not appear in claim 5. Accordingly, the amendment to claim 5 presented herein is based on the text of claim 5 as amended under Article 34 and filed in the present application on January 5, 2001.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

The claims have been amended as follows:

3. A filter body according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the filter structure of filter walls is coated with a coating to increase the active contact surface area of the filter structure and act as an anchor for the catalytically active coating.

5. (twice amended) A filter body according to claim 3 [or 4], wherein the surface-increasing coating is an alumina wash coat.